

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH The Revd. Michael Tompkins. The Rectory. Tel. No. 890235

CHURCH SERVICES, each Sunday, at 8.00am. - Holy Communion at 10.30am on the Second Sunday in the Month, a Family service with children in mind; the next is on the 10th. July. But on the 12th. August (in holiday time) we will have Morning Prayer.

at 10.30am on other Sundays we have the Parish Eucharist; that is on 1st., 15th., 22nd. and 29th July, and 5th., 19th. and 26th. August.
Evensong is on the first Sunday in the month (1st. July and 5th. August) at 6.30pm.
ALSO, there is to be Evensong on the third Sunday in the month for the whole Daventry Team, in the different churches of the team; details will be given in the weekly Bulletin.

BAPTISMS: 20th. May, Jade Alanna Childs
3rd. June, Martine Nicol Boneham
we welcome them into the Lord's family.

WEDDINGS: 9th. June, Stewart Brian Gerald Ferguson and Sharon Ann Beachamp
Glenn Miller and Carol Anne Carne
we wish both couples every happiness in their marriage.

BELLS: The Central Council of Church Bellringers is holding a Residential Course at Moulton and will be sending a team to ring our Bells from 11.00am to 12.30pm on Saturday 25th. July.

The CHURCH FETE will be on 7th. July on the Rectory lawn at two o'clock in the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. We had rain last year so it ought to be fine this year.

The Parochial Church Council have two important tasks to perform with our church building, two tasks which are common to everyone who has a house to look after; to maintain the fabric, and to improve the facilities to what is expected in the 1990's. As every householder knows, these tasks are expensive, but have to be done. It is no different with the Church, and all the proceeds from the Annual Church Fête are swallowed up in paying for essential maintenance almost as soon as the Fête is over. (That's why we rely on the Fête so heavily.) The second task is a bit more pleasurable, as you will know if you have refitted a kitchen or a bathroom, and we are very pleased with our first kitchen and toilet! The other job of equipping the church with a Parish room is taking shape and should soon be ready for occupation. But the Church is not about maintaining a building, or raising the money to pay for it, it is about people and ministering to their needs. We have to maintain the people in their knowledge of the love of God and his gifts to all of us, and to bring them to new understandings of what is required of them in the 1990's. The proper use of the resources with which we are supplied and the need to show the people of the deprived parts of our big cities are two of the more recent difficulties faced by those inside the Church as well as those outside. In its belief in the equality of all people before God, the Church has addressed those difficulties through Christian Aid and the Church Urban Fund, again calling for money from the people. The dilemma in which we find ourselves is, do we maintain and improve the church building or the people? With a will, and goodwill, we can do both.

SIDESMENS ROTA

July 1st	L. Thompson	D. Turner	B. Dawson	10.30am	E. Clarke
8th	E. Thorp	G. Powell	G. C. Dunn	6.30pm	
15th	F. Spencer Lee	B. Wasser	C. Wasser		
22nd	D. Hamer	K. French	M. Chamberlain		
29th	B. Dawson	F. Cox	K. Minett		
August 5th	L. Thompson	D. Turner	B. Dawson		E. Clarke
12th	M. Chamberlain	G. Powell	G. C. Dunn		
19th	F. Spencer Lee	B. Wasser	C. Wasser		
26th	D. Hamer	K. French	M. Chamberlain		

ALTAR FLOWERS HIGH ALTAR ST. GILES

JULY 1st	Mrs. Lloyd	Mrs. Humphries	July 8th	Mrs. Griffiths	McKichan
July 15th	Mrs. J. Lee	Mrs. J. Cox	July 29th	Mrs. J. Cooper	Davies
AUG. 5th	Mrs. J. Long	Mrs. F. Taylor	AUG. 14th	Mrs. J. Mount	Mrs. B. Hargreaves
AUG. 26th	Mrs. M. Lintern	Mrs. A. Beck			

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BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB The coffee morning was well attended. The amount realized from the raffle and entry charge was £16.80, bring & buy stall £29.30 and donation of £5, making a total of £51.10 for Club funds. A really interesting afternoon was spent when several members brought their cherished possessions to show and talk about, Everyone agreed this sort of meeting should be repeated.

Monday July 9th Members will be entertained by Mrs. Greta Raftery with a request programme.

Monday July 23rd A Ploughmans Lunch will take place in the Village Centre 12.30pm for 1pm. There will be a bring & buy stall.

Monday Aug. 13th A trip to Upton House has been arranged. The coach will arrive at The Wharf at 1.40pm The Green 2.0pm.

Monday Aug. 20th The Ashby Womens' Institute have invited members for tea in the Ashby Village Hall. Coach will leave The Green at 2.30pm.

RED CROSS COLLECTION Last months collection made £194. My grateful thanks to our collectors and to those of you who gave so generously. Rachel May.

TWILIGHT ASSOCIATION: VISIT BY QUINCY-VOISINS on 5th - 8th MAY

The Chairman & Committee Members would like to express their sincere thanks to the hosts who kindly offered accommodation to our French visitors during their recent visit to the village, and also our thanks to everyone who helped make the weekend so successful.

VILLAGE HALL. Thanks to everyone who supported our recent Art & Craft Show. £120.10 was raised.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS' INSTITUTE The June meeting had us all 'Bearing our Feet', thanks to Mrs. J. Lang who made us all think seriously about the very interesting subject of Reflexology.

September 14th has been decided upon as the date for our charity party, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the W.I. This will take the form of a 'Canadian Ho Down' to be held at Braunston Village Hall. Mrs. N. Rotherly will be discussing 'My Sewing Machine and I' at the meeting on the 3rd July and Mr. E. A. Jerome will tell us all about 'The Not T.V. Vet' on August 7th. Next meeting will be held at Braunston Village Hall 3rd July, 7.30pm.

VILLAGE NOTES

Often we complain about the vagaries of our weather but occasionally we are reminded how really equable our climate is. This year we have had a very dry Spring so that farmers, gardeners and those responsible for domestic water supplies have been seriously worried. In May on a circle 5 ins across, only 4.5 millimeters of rain fell on Braunston and in June up to 19th about 21.1 mms. The rainfall has failed to fill up our reservoirs but we really could save more of the supply which we use in washing cooking etc.

In Nigeria one part of the University of Lagos has an important part in conserving the water resources of that rather dry climate.

In addition to the uses for which we use water, it is necessary for soil enrichment in making available to plants food stuffs necessary for their growth. The bacteria which break down the manure spread in our gardens and farms can only function if the manure is kept sufficiently moist for the bacteria to work. A totally dry climate ensures that organic material remains unusable as far as plant growth is concerned.

An aged officer many years ago had the eccentric habit of raising his hat when he passed a pool of water. When asked why he did so he replied that he had served in a drought stricken area and more of his men had died of thirst than from the action of their enemies. He knew what water really meant.

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